Great Sand Dunes

Free Ranger-Guided Programs June 14 - June 20, 2015

Sunday, June 14th

3:30 pm Afternoon Program - "Lions, Tigers, and Bears...and sand dunes? Oh my!" - Find out about some of the incredible mammals that inhabit Great Sand Dunes National Park. Visitor Center, 40 minutes

8:30 pm Evening Program - "Wisdom from Great (Sand Dunes) Explorers" - What advice would early explorers give to first time visitors of Great Sand Dunes National Park? Join us for this interactive evening program and find out! Amphitheater, 45 minutes

Monday, June 15th

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - "Moved by the Wind" - Discover the unseen role of wind in the formation of the dunes. Visitor Center, 30 minutes.

7:30 pm Sunset Program - Ranger-guided hike, Wellington Ditch Trail. - Meet at the Montville Nature Trailhead for a 45-minute hike with a park ranger to learn more about the natural environment and cultural history of Great Sand Dunes.

Tuesday, June 16th

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - "Moved by the Wind" - Discover the unseen role of wind in the formation of the dunes. Visitor Center, 30 minutes.

Wednesday, June 17th

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - Discover how the Great Sand Dunes formed, why Medano Creek is unique, what's in the sand and more. Visitor Center, 20 minutes.

3:30 pm Afternoon Program - "Buried Treasures" - Discover how the Great Sand Dunes formed over time, and what people in the past may have experienced here. See and touch real artifacts and fossils! Visitor Center, 30 minutes.

Thursday, June 18th

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - "The Singing Sands" - The Great Sand Dunes are a symphony of geological and animal sounds! Discover how the Great Sand Dunes were formed while making the wild sounds found in the park. Fun for all ages! Visitor Center, 20 minutes.

8:45 pm Evening Program - "Whispering Wilderness" - Listen in as we explore a unique and important aspect of the park with our ears! 35 minutes.

Friday, June 19th

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - Discover how the Great Sand Dunes formed, why Medano Creek is unique, what's in the sand and more. Visitor Center, 20 minutes.

8:45 pm Evening Program - "The Park After Dark" - Half the park is after dark! Discover the beautiful secrets of owls, nocturnal animals, stars, planets, galaxies, our moon, and meteors. Touch real pieces of the Moon and Mars! Amphitheater, 30 minutes. Telescope viewing and/or brief constellation tour available after the program, weather permitting.

Saturday, June 20th

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